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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Security Handling of ELINT Reports

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1. [redacted]

[redacted] and Reber discussed the above subject with the conclusions noted below:

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2. It is agreed that improvement in security can be effected by getting more uniformity in the covers which are applied to various ELINT reports. [redacted] in cooperation with [redacted] and myself, will produce a draft for the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee in the hope that this might also apply to all other AQUATONE products.

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3. The Air Force and OSI and [redacted] (on behalf of the Army, Navy, and NSA) will submit to me the number of people in each TALENT unit who are currently actual recipients of ELINT reports. These will be broken down into two groups: those involved in technical processing and those involved in intelligence production analysis.

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4. The TCO/CIA authorized the prompt release of recent OSI preliminary reports which have been held pending security re-examination; this includes further distribution to non-Headquarters units where absolutely necessary by the Services. The same release applies to NTPC reports which have been blocked for the same reason as above. The foregoing release is based upon two understandings which the TCO/CIA has:

a. That the distribution of these materials is essential for current functions conducted by the recipient units, and

b. That within the custody of each agency they are being strictly held on a MUST KNOW basis.

5. The group took note of a report by [redacted] that the current format of NTPC reports cut the track at a point where there

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would be most likely a first non-American intercept, thus eliminating the extension of the track to the base. It is concluded, however, that it is absolutely essential for intelligence analytical production purposes that the NTPC reports continue to show date and time of day of signals. The K factor will be substituted for altitude. No reference has been made in NTPC reports to Project AQUATONE. Hereafter, in the duping of tapes, OSI is requested to cut the tape at a point where the first usable signal appears, with the understanding that OSI in distributing that tape establishes the time and place of first signal.

6. Dups of System One tapes currently impounded for security reasons are authorized for release to SAC. SAC Radar Order of Battle publication RT 33 may be released to the existing list of recipients, classification to be changed from SECRET to TOP SECRET.

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